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ALMA

Religion Convention. Frs. Francis Sheerin and Wm. Huesman, and several Theologians, attended the Province Convention of College Religion at University of Santa Clara, Dec. 29 and 30. Fr. John Wright (Ore.), gave a talk there.

Sacred Heart Activity. The celebrated "Padre Choristers" of Santa Barbara have released their recorded Mexican hymns for use on the Spanish language version of the Sacred Heart Program. The first four Fathers of this Province to record sermons for the Program are Frs. Zacheus Maher, Herman Hauck, Terrence O'Connor, and James Mara. Father Peter Newport gave a talk to the Theologians, Jan. 13, on his work in the Province for the League of the Sacred Heart.

Choir Broadcast. The Alma Choir presented a half-hour broadcast of Christmas music over station KLOK, San Jose, Christmas noon. The program had been recorded two days before in the Novitiate Chapel. Director and soloist, Mr. Rene Astruc (France); Brother Lloyd Carmichael, organist; Mr. David Fitch, announcer.

Lecture. Mr. George Twigg-Porter gave an interesting and valuable talk on pastoral methods in use among priests who work with the deaf. Literature on the subject was provided with the lecture.

Noted Pianist. Leonard Pennario, promising concert star and Loyola graduate, presented a piano program in the refectory, Jan. 17. He is remembered for his gracious programs for Ours, at Loyola University's summer sessions. The program at Alma was enthusiastically and gratefully received.

Varia. Christmas supply calls were filled by 30 priests and three Scholastics. Mr. George Twigg-Porter was commentator for the broadcast of the Midnight Mass from St. Joseph's Church, San Jose. Frs. Joseph Farraher and James Mara gave the New Year Days of Recollection for the Sisters of Notre Dame (Saratoga) and the Mothers of the Sacred Heart (Lone Mountain), respectively. Fr. Edward Hagemann preached a New Year tridum to the Sisters of the Holy Child, in Pasadena.

AZUSA

At Home. The letters sent out by Fr. Thomas Sullivan regarding the new Chapel brought a fine and generous response. The retreatants take a deep interest in Manresa, and apparently are eager to make the new Chapel a reality.

Fr. Superior (Joseph Crowley), made a three-day stay at Queen of Angels Hospital, LA.

Brs. Carlo Farina and Wm. F. Donnelly arrived from the Novitiate for a month's experiment, on Jan. 12.

The Fathers, during Christmas, shared in the work of the neighboring parishes. No retreats were given during the Holiday Season. The first retreat of the New Year will begin Jan. 16.

Visitors. Frs. Carl Benecke and Jos. Carroll, came at the end of December, to make their annual retreats.

Sodality. The Sodalists, directors of an all-out project, collected food and money for 62 Christmas baskets.

The Annual Sodality Dance was held in the St. Joseph's gym. Three hundred and sixty were in attendance.

A case of prayer books and holy cards were sent to the missions in the Philippines, in the name of the Sodality.

Charles Farrell '53, President of the Catholic Federation of the Peninsula, presided at the meeting of Dec. 7. Richard Kirby '53, spoke on the subject, "Human Respect."

Sports. The Varsity Basketball Team has won 14 games and lost two. Louis Valli '54, and Tom Wilscam '53, made All Northern California Football Team, All Catholic Team, and All City Team. Al Francis '54 and Joe Bihn '53, were picked on first or second teams of All Catholic and All City.

Mr. Edward Callanan invited the parents of his 130's Football Team to attend the team banquet. Its success brought a unanimous vote that the banquet be an annual affair. Mr. Callanan now coaches the "B" Basketball Team.

Debating. Jack Sheehy '54, at the Oakland Speech Tournament, won first place in radio announcing and second place in ex-tempore speaking. Gary Bowman '53, won third place in oratorical competition. The debating team of Bob Schmitt and Bob Caro (both '54), was undefeated in the tourney. The competition sponsored 350 students from 32 high schools.

At the Student Congress of the NFL at University of Santa Clara, Bill Dempsey '54, was elected Speaker of the House. Sheehy and Dempsey were selected to represent the Congress at the national meeting in Denver. Tom Jennett '54, received a silver medal for outstanding work in the House of Representatives.

Mothers and Dads. The Mother's Guild had as guest speaker for Dec., Fr. John Hynes. His subject was "College Life."

The Dad's Club held their annual Pre-Christmas Party, Dec. 7, with 180 tables. The occasion brought $1,700 to Bellarmine. Their Christmas Dinner Dance, in the Gym, Dec. 20, was a success, with gifts provided for the 350 guests. Preparations for their annual retreat at El Retiro are now underway.

The First Annual Golden Bell Dinner, to be held on the campus Jan. 31, is in anticipation. The tickets are $25 a plate. The patrons number 400.

General Activity. The 400th Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier's death was commemorated with a Solemn High Mass. Father Edwin McDermott gave the special sermon.

Otto Koerper, Bellarmine's cook, was Chef at the Surprise Christmas Dinner for the Boarders, the evening of Dec. 18. A Christmas Dinner, with the Scholastics of the Bay area as guests, was served Dec. 31.

Fr. Rector (Thomas Cosgrave), celebrated High Mass on Christmas Eve for 100 special friends of the school. The Scholastics formed the Choir.

Fr. Carl Twadell has taken over Fr. John Owen's classes in senior English and Religion.

USF sponsored an intelligence and preference test to all seniors and juniors. The teachers who administered the tests will return to Bellarmine this week for counselling the boys concerning college plans.

Mr. Ben Meyer announced the "Bell Echo" will appear soon.

Frs. Wm. Corvi and Robert Plushkell gave retreats at the year's end.

A special holiday was declared for Jan. 20, to allow the students to watch the Innauguration ceremonies from Washington.

EL RETIRO

The Old Year. The total number of retreatants for 1952 was 3991: an increase of almost one hundred over last year. Of the total, 487 were students, and 96 were servicemen. There were 50 retreats for men, and 10 for students. The impressive figure of 53,277, records of the number of men who have made the Spiritual Exercises at El Retiro since its foundation.

The New Year. Two eight-day retreats for laymen have been announced for the coming year. The first of these will be July 17-24; the second Oct. 9-17. The 1953 schedule also includes three retreats for the Clergy; May 3-9, August 16-22, and Nov. 8-14. The Annual El Retiro Communion Breakfast for retreatants is scheduled for April 12. As usual, it will follow the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice at St. Mary's Cathedral, SF. Speakers at the Communion Breakfast will be William Ferndon and William O'Brien. A number of retreatants of too-distant points have stated their wish to have like gatherings in towns and other cities of the state at later dates.

Holiday Work. Five diocesan priests spent the day at El Retiro, in a day of recollection, Jan. 8. Fr. Zacheus Maher directed them.

Fr. Maher gave the retreat to the younger professed of the Immaculate Heart Sisters, in Hollywood, in preparation for their Final Vows.

Fr. Cornelius O'Mara gave the student retreat at SF College for Women (Lone Mountain). Fr. John Giambistiani conducted a retreat for the girls of the Mound School, SF.

Meeting. The members of the Board of Directors of El Retiro gathered on Jan. 4. There was Mass for themselves and their families in the Rossi Memorial Chapel, followed by a dinner. During the meeting the family-guests enjoyed an inspection of the buildings and grounds.

NOVITIATE

Father Morton. Fr. Joseph Morton died on December 23 at 9:30. Father had not been feeling well for a week, but had been up and around even on the morning of his death. While in his room after breakfast he suffered an internal hemorrhage and lapsed into unconsciousness. He was anointed immediately by Fr. Rector (John F. X. Connolly).

Visitors. The Novitiate was host to a group of Franciscan Theologians who came from Santa Barbara to sing at the Santa Clara centennial. They spent an afternoon visiting the house and grounds.

Fr. William E. Donnelly gave the monthly casus to the Fathers.

Winery. The San Francisco Examiner featured a two page spread of the Winery in the Peninsula section of their Sunday issue, Jan. 4. The following Sunday, the San Francisco Chronicle contained a feature article on the Novitiate.

Fr. Minister (Henry Charvet) and Fr. James Ransford purchased 1500 cuttings of Riesling grapes from the University of California at Davis. These cuttings will be grafted to the new vines on the terraces of St. Joseph's hill.

Varia. The Juniors completed their examinations Wednesday, January 7, and began the new semester the following Friday.

The outdoor refectory at Villa Joseph was damaged recently from a landslide during the rain storm.

Fr. Maurice Relval gave a year-end tridum to the Ursuline Sisters in San Francisco.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

School. Michael A. Heuer, '53, placed sixth in the Nation for the Hearst History Finals.

Preparation for the school play are underway, with Mr. James Dempsey directing, and Mr. Robert Fahrner assisting. This year's production is to be "Here Comes Mr. Jordan."

Twenty seniors took the NROTC test at University of Southern California.

The Varsity Basketball Team has an 18 win, one loss record. The victory over Compton, in the Compton Tourney, broke a winning streak of 52 games for Compton. In the Catholic League competition, Loyola boasts wins over Notre Dame, Serra, and Cantwell.

The Fathers and Scholastics attended sessions of the NCEA meetings at Connaty High School. Fr. Principal (Francis Sausotte) is President of the Western Division of the NCEA.

Community. Christmas Midnight Mass was delayed until two a.m., to avoid the throng denied the privilege in their parishes. Even at the delayed hour the Chapel was almost full.

The successful Jesuit Mother's Christmas Party was held in the Auditorium. There was a large attendance, with Mesdames Plushkell, Buckley, Day, and Rutherford as hostesses. Father Walter Want obliged as Santa Claus.

A New Year's dinner was prepared for the communities of Loyola University, Azuza, and Blessed Sacrament.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Meetings. Fr. Rector (Charles Cassassa) and Fr. Darrell Finnegan attended sessions of the Assn. of American Colleges, held at the Statler Hotel, LA.

Dr. James A. Kirk, of the Sociology Department, presented a paper at the annual convention of the Catholic Sociological Society, at Marquette University, Milwaukee.

Fr. Robert C. Graham, Moderator of the Alumni Assn., and Mr. Jesse Brown, Alumni Secretary, participated in the District Conference of the Alumni Council, Dec. 15-17, at Santa Barbara.

Summer Institute. A Summer Institute on Human Relations and Group Dynamics will be held at Loyola. Fr. President designated the advisory board during the first week of Jan. Among those named: Dr. Joseph Pollia, Mr. Don Belding, Mr. Robert Reynolds, Mr. Martin Gang, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hope, and Mr. James Hilton. The institute is to afford teachers and other leaders an opportunity to develop the skills needed for lessening tension among individuals and to promote a harmony and mutual understanding among them.

Pre-Medical. Fr. Roland Reed reports worthwhile statistics concerning applications of Loyola pre-meds for medical schools of the country, between the years 1942-1952. Number of applications: 115. Number of applications accepted by medical schools: 92 (i.e. 80%).

Industrial Relations. Loyola Industrial Relations School, under the direction of Fr. Wm. McIntosh, will resume evening classes for the spring semester next week. The School, located on the Loyola High School campus, is open to both management and labor and constitutes a service towards sound labor-management relations in the Southern California area.

MOUNT ST. MICHAELS

The disputation took place Nov. 21, with Mr. Robert Braus defending in Ethics against Messrs. James Meehan (Ore.) and James Draper; and Mr. James Gill defending in Natural Theology against Messrs. Walter Gordon and Thomas Garvin (Ore.) Messrs. Leo Hombach and Andrew Dachaur conducted the science lecture.

On Dec. 8, a Solemn Pontifical Mass was sung in celebration of the Silver Jubilee Year of Bishop White's consecration. His Excellency officiated.

The Christmas Committee was headed by Mr. O'Brien (Mo.)

On Father Rector's Day, Jan. 17, the English version of "Oedipus Rex" was staged by the Philos-Jerome Smith (Ore.) and Mr. Vincent Sykes (New Orleans). Mr. Maurice Mohr (Mo.) played the part of Oedipus and was assisted by Messrs. Donald Mason as Jocasta, Leo Hombach as Teiresias, Joseph Convard (Ore.) as Creon.

Fr. John Dalgity (Ore.), former Rector of St. Francis Xavier Novitiate, arrived at the Mount to act in the capacity of Spiritual Father.

On Dec. 24, Mr. James Ryan (Ore.) was appointed beadle and Mr. Gerald Lentz was named subbeadle.

PHOENIX

Centenary. The four hundredth anniversary of St. Francis Xavier's death was observed by a novena. Fr. Raphael C. McCarthy (Mo.), President of Regis College, Denver, preached the final three days of the celebration. Bishop Gerke, celebrated Pontifical High Mass in the Church, on the Feast day, assisted by the pastors of the Phoenix churches. His Excellency spoke at the close of the Mass concerning the work of the Society and the virtues of St. Francis Xavier. The choir of men, women, and boys was under the direction of Fr. George Dunne. A dinner followed, with the Rt. Rev. Bishop and the diocesan clergy as guests.

Parish Affairs. The number of parishioners at St. Francis Xavier continues to increase, despite the fact that two new parishes have been formed from within her boundaries. An average Sunday brings some 3670 people.

The birth of Brophy College Preparatory obliges the parish to provide a high school for the girls of the parish and a convent for the sisters. A drive in behalf of this project is already underway. (A $500,000 objective.) The firm of Henry J. Lang of San Francisco is in charge.

The young son of Robert Becker, treasurer of the Yankee Baseball Club, was buried from the Church, Jan. 8. He was to have been married in five weeks, and was enroute to his Air Force base in California when he met his death.

A new pump house, conforming in architecture to the buildings of the property, has recently been completed.

ST. MARY'S

The Devotion of the Forty Hours was held in the church Jan. 18-20. A series of well-received talks was given during the three days by Fr. Jas. Donovan of Santa Clara. Fr. Donovan was also deacon at the solemn benediction.

SAN FRANCISCO

Activities. An appeal was sent to the friends of USF to ask assistance in enlarging the faculty residence. It is planned that 50 rooms be added to the house. The response so far has proved generous.

The Adult Education Center began the second semester program with a satisfactory attendance. The Center conducts noncredit courses for men and women in such fields as art, English for foreign born, foreign languages, public speaking, shorthand, and typing.

The University Debate Team will participate in a weekly program series, "University Platform." The topics are chosen for current interest and for importance to colleges of the Bay area. Nine colleges will participate in these debates.

Members of the Religion Department attended the conference of religion teachers held at University of Santa Clara.

Meetings. At the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Archbishop Duke of Vancouver praised the six Jesuits who attended from Canada, Oregon, and California. Father John McGloin presented his paper, "John Nobili, S.J., Founder of California's Santa Clara College."

Fr. President (Wm. Dunne), Frs. Alexis Mei and Paul Harney represented USF at the meetings of the Western College Assn., of the Assn. of American Colleges, held in LA.

Fr. Frank Callahan, together with Dean Vernon Miller and Associate Dean Russell Berti of the Law School, attended the annual meeting of the Assn. of American Law Schools held in Chicago. Fr. Callahan was present, too, at the annual meeting of the Jesuit Law Schools, held at Loyola University in Chicago.

Fr. Richard Mulcahy attended the meetings of the American Economic Assn., in Chicago. He was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Catholic Economic Assn., as chairman of its committee.

Previous to the conventions in Chicago, Fr. Mulcahy and Fr. Andrew Boss attended the regional meeting of the Catholic Economic Assn., held at Davis.

Church. Fr. James Thornton, recently released from a Communist prison in China, spoke at the Masses, Sunday, Jan. 18.

St. Joseph's Retreat League. Fr. Wm. Rice has established the St. Joseph's Retreat League. An intensive schedule of meetings in the city are hoped to provide a fruitful means for enabling more and more working men to make retreats at El Retiro.

HIGH SCHOOL

Sodality. The Sodality sponsors a weekly Mass and Communion for the students. The prayer-group of the Sodality, numbering some 50 members, receives a weekly help-talk. At Christmas there was a collection and distribution of food to needy families of the city. A Day of Recollection is planned for March 1.

Activities. The Father's Club, on Jan. 11, sponsored a Cana Conference for parents of the students. Fr. Eugene Toner directed the day.

New bleachers in the gym were used for the first time at the St. Mary's-St. Ignatius game.

Sports. The Varsity and 30's Basketball Teams are picked by SF papers for top places in their ratings. The 30's Team has an unbroken 15 wins. Mr. Ronald Armstrong's 10's Team has had its 27th straight victory.

The Swimming Team won the first meet of the season against the Elks Club. The team shows good promise and is under the coaching of Mr. James Straukamp.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

Celebration. Jan. 12 was proclaimed "Santa Clara Day," in accordance with the request of the Rev. Franciscan General in Italy, to honor Saint Clare of Assisi, on the occasion of the 700th anniversary of her death. A Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the Mission Church at 10 o'clock, attended by Church dignitaries, the student body, many priests, nuns, and friends from the area. The sermon was preached by Fr. Alan McCoy, O.F.M. At 2 o'clock, the dedication ceremonies of a new granite cross were held at the first site of the Mission. The Franciscan Choir of Santa Barbara sang, and the celebration was closed with an address by Hon. Joseph R. Knowland, President of the California Historical Society,. In the evening, the Franciscan Choir presented a concert of Mission hymns, and Spanish folksongs at the University Theatre.

Meetings. A meeting of the Province Institute of College Religion was held on the campus, Dec. 29-30.

Fr. President (Herman Hauck) and Frs. James King and John Hynes left for a meeting of the American Assn. of Colleges, LA, Jan. 6.

Football. Announcement was made, Dec. 29, by Fr. President that due to financial stringencies participation of the Football team in major competition is henceforth discontinued.

Brother Gosselin. Br. Onesimus Gosselin, passed away at the Donahue Infirmary, Jan. 5, at the age of 92.

FINAL VOWS

Final vows will be pronounced on Feb. 2 by Fr. Joseph Farraher of Alma College and Fr. Richard Roberts of Santa Clara.

SUFFRAGES

The usual suffrages of the Society are to be offered for the repose of the soul of Bro. Stephen Picollo, who died in San Francisco on Jan. 11 in the 80th year of his life, his 44th in the Society.

Deaths in the Assistancy

Fr. John Buckley, on Jan. 11, in Augusta, Ga.

Fr. Jos. J. Clink, on Jan. 4, in Boston, Mass.

Fr. Laurence C. Gorman, on Dec. 27, in Scranton, Pa.

Fr. Martin Lonneaux, on Jan. 21, at Fairbanks, Alaska.

In your prayers and Masses please remember also the soul of Mr. Martin Hanley, father of Fr. Wm. Hanley and uncle of Fr. Gilligan.

YEAR-END TRIDUA AND RETREATS

Tridua

Nov. 14-17 Religious of the Sacred Heart, Broadway, S.F. ..... Fr. C. M. O'Sullivan
Nov. 17-21 Good Shepherd Srs., Convent of the Good Shepherd, S.F. ..... Fr. F. A. Acquistapace
Nov. 17-21 Religious of the Sacred Heart, Menlo Park ..... Fr. F. J. Silva
Nov. 24-27 B.V.M. Srs., St. Paul's High School Girls, S.F. ..... Fr. P. H. Newport
Nov. 27-Dec. 1 Precious Blood Srs., San Luis Rey ..... Fr. J. M. Clark
Dec. 1-4 Girls' Retreat, St. Jos. Acad., Tucson, Ariz. ..... Fr. J. L. Dondero
Dec. 4-8 Holy Name Srs., St. Joseph's Convent, S.F. ..... Fr D. J. Kelleher
Dec 4-8 Holy Name Srs., St. Monica's, S.F. ..... Fr. F. J. Seeliger
Dec. 4-8 Holy Name Srs., St. Cecilia's, S.F. ..... Fr. R. A. O'Rourke
Dec. 4-8 Holy Names Srs., Holy Names High School, Oakland ..... Fr. John H. Martin
Dec. 22-25 I.B.V.M. Srs., Phoenix, Arizona ..... Fr. J. J. Devlin
Dec. 27-Jan. 1 Srs. of Mercy, St. Mary's Hospital, S.F. ..... Fr. F. J. Seeliger
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Srs. of Mercy, St. Joseph's Hospital, Oxnard ..... Fr C. M. O'Sullivan
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Holy Child Srs., Pasadena ..... Fr. E. Hagemann
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Presentation Srs., St. Joseph's Convent, Berkeley ..... Fr. P. H. Newport
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Presentation Srs., St. Agnes Convent, S.F. ..... Fr. F. J. Harrington
Dec 28-Jan. 1 Ursuline Srs., St. John's Convent, S.F. ..... Fr. M. M. Belval
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Presentation Srs., St. Anne's Convent, S.F. ..... Fr. W. P. Corvi
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Ursuline Srs., Santa Rosa ..... Fr. G. A. Sugrue
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Srs. of Mercy, St. Joseph's Convent, Sacramento ..... Fr. R. B. Plushkell
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Presentation Srs., St. Mary's Convent, Gilroy ..... Fr. D. F. St. Sure
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Presentation Srs., Motherhouse, S.F. ..... Fr. R. E. McMahon
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Srs. of Mercy, Mercy Hospital. Sacramento ..... Fr. W. J. Maring
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Srs. of Mercy, Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Burlingame ..... Fr. J. L. Bonn
Dec. 28-Jan. 1 Srs. of Mercy, Mercy High, S.F. ..... Fr. J. J. Coleman
Jan. 19-23 Good Shepherd Srs., Convent Girls, S.F. ..... Fr. J. Giambastiani
Jan. 27-30 B.V.M. Srs., St. Francis Xavier H.S. Girls, Phoenix ..... Fr. F. J. Parrish
Feb. 2-5 San Joaquin Memorial High Boys, Fresno ..... Fr. F. J. Parrish
Feb. 20-22 Relig. of the S.H., S.F. College for Women, S.F. ..... Fr. F. J. Seeliger
Mar. 29-April 1 Holy Names Srs., Holy Names High School Girls, Oakland ..... Fr. F. J. Parrish

Retreats

Nov. 28 to Dec. 8 Little Srs. of the Poor, S.F. ..... Fr. C. J. O'Mara
Dec. 26 to Jan. 4 Immaculate Heart Nuns, Hollywood ..... Fr. Z. J. Maher
Dec. 28 to Jan. 6 Third Order of Carmelites, Alhambra ..... Fr. M. Elizalde
Jan. 8 to 17 Holy Family Sisters, Novitiate Mission San Jose ..... Fr. L. S. Simpson
Jan. 13 to 21 Third Order of Carmelites, Alhambra ..... Fr. C. F. Deeney
Jan. 27 to Feb. 5 Holy Names Convent, Los Gatos ..... Fr. F. J. Seeliger
Mar. 26 to April 4 Good Shepherd Sisters, S.F. ..... Fr. P. J. Harney
April 1 to 7 Holy Cross Brothers, St. Anthony's, Long Beach ..... Fr. J. Howard

Days of Recollection

Dec. 22 Notre Dame Srs., Saratoga ..... Fr. R. E. McMahon
Dec. 31 Notre Dame Srs., Notre Dame Villa, Saratoga ..... Fr. J. J. Farraher
Dec. 31 Presentation Srs., St. Patrick's, San Jose ..... Fr. C. F. Deeney
Dec. 31 Notre Dame Srs., Redwood City ..... Fr. R. A. Reed
Dec. 31 Religious of the Sacred Heart, S.F. College for Women, S.F. ..... Fr. J. A. Mara
Dec. 31 B.V.M. Srs., St Brigid's, S.F. ..... Fr. E. A. Toner
Dec. 31 Notre Dame Srs., Notre Dame Convent, S.F. ..... Fr. H. E. Raber